

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

ROY STRASSMAN, Derivatively on
Behalf of MARATHON DIGITAL
HOLDINGS, INC. (f/k/a MARATHON
PATENT GROUP, INC.),

Plaintiff,

v.

FRED THIEL, GEORGES ANTOUN,
KEVIN DENUCCIO, SARITA JAMES,
JAY LEUPP, SAID OUISSAL, MERRICK
D. OKAMOTO, and SIMEON SALZMAN,

Defendants,

and

MARATHON DIGITAL HOLDINGS, INC.
(f/k/a MARATHON PATENT GROUP, INC.),

Nominal Defendant.

CASE NO.: 2:22-cv-00724

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR
PERMISSION TO PRACTICE IN
THIS CASE ONLY BY
ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED TO
THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND
DESIGNATION OF LOCAL
COUNSEL**

FILING FEE IS \$250.00

Jonathan D. Polkes, Petitioner, respectfully represents to the Court:
(name of petitioner)

1. That Petitioner is an attorney at law and a member of the law firm of

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

(firm name)

with offices at 767 Fifth Avenue,
(street address)

New York, New York, 10153,
(city) (state) (zip code)

212-310-8881, jonathan.polkes@weil.com.
(area code + telephone number) (Email address)

2. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by

all Defendants and Nominal Defendant to provide legal representation in connection with
[client(s)]

the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.

3. That since 09/30/1985, Petitioner has been and presently is a
(date)
member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of New York
(state)
where Petitioner regularly practices law. Petitioner shall attach a certificate from the state bar or
from the clerk of the supreme court or highest admitting court of each state, territory, or insular
possession of the United States in which the applicant has been admitted to practice law certifying
the applicant's membership therein is in good standing.

4. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member in good standing of the bars of said Courts.

[illegible]

5. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against petitioner, nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or disbarment proceedings, except as described in detail below:

None.

6. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada. (Give particulars if ever denied admission):

None.

7. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the following Bar Associations.

Federal Bar Council

8. Petitioner has filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule IA 11-2 (formerly LR IA 10-2) during the past three (3) years in the following matters: (State "none" if no applications.)

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
04/29/2022	<i>Schlatre v. Marathon Digital Holdings, et al.</i> , No. 21-cv-02209	U.S. District Court, D. Nev.	Granted
04/29/2022	<i>Bernard v. Thiel, et al.</i> , No. 22-cv-00305	U.S. District Court, D. Nev.	Granted

(If necessary, please attach a statement of additional applications)

9. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.

10. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.

11. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

1 That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Court
 2 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.

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 4 STATE OF New York)
 5 COUNTY OF New York)
 6

Petitioner's signature

7 Jonathan D. Polkes, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:
 8 That the foregoing statements are true.

9
 10 Subscribed and sworn to before me this

Petitioner's signature

11 10th day of May, 2022.

12 LEONORE M. GLICK
 13 Notary Public or Clerk of Court
 14 LEONORE M. GLICK
 15 Notary Public, State of New York
 16 No. 01GL4900542
 17 Qualified in Suffolk County
 18 Commission Expires July 13, 2023

**DESIGNATION OF RESIDENT ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO
 THE BAR OF THIS COURT AND CONSENT THERETO.**

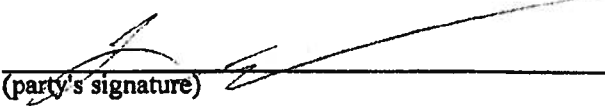
19 Pursuant to the requirements of the Local Rules of Practice for this Court, the Petitioner
 20 believes it to be in the best interests of the client(s) to designate James Pisanelli,
 21 (name of local counsel)
 22 Attorney at Law, member of the State of Nevada and previously admitted to practice before the
 23 above-entitled Court as associate resident counsel in this action. The address and email address of
 24 said designated Nevada counsel is:

25 Pisanelli Bice, PLLC 400 South 7th St., Suite 300,
 26 (street address)
 27 Las Vegas, Nevada, 89101,
 28 (city) (state) (zip code)
 29 702-214-2100, jip@pisanellibice.com,
 (area code + telephone number) (Email address)

1 By this designation the petitioner and undersigned party(ies) agree that this designation constitutes
2 agreement and authorization for the designated resident admitted counsel to sign stipulations
3 binding on all of us.

4
5 **APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL**

6
7 The undersigned party(ies) appoint(s) James Pisanelli as
8 (name of local counsel)
his/her/their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.

9
10 (party's signature) 

11 Jim Crawford, COO, Marathon Digital Holdings, Inc.
12 (type or print party name, title)

13 (party's signature)

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15 (type or print party name, title)

16
17 **CONSENT OF DESIGNEE**

18 The undersigned hereby consents to serve as associate resident Nevada counsel in this case.

19
20 Designated Resident Nevada Counsel's signature 

21 4027

Bar number

jjp@pisanellibice.com

Email address


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23 APPROVED:

24 Dated: this _____ day of _____, 20____.

25
26 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

APPOINTMENT OF DESIGNATED RESIDENT NEVADA COUNSEL (Continued)

The undersigned parties appoint James Pisanelli as their Designated Resident Nevada Counsel in this case.



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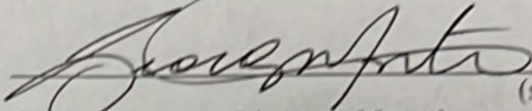
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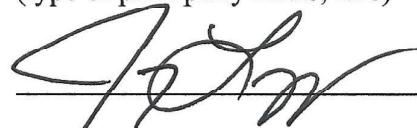
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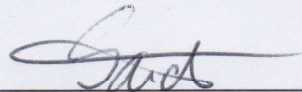
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12 Attorneys for Defendants Georges Antoun,
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13 Merrick D. Okamoto, Said Ouissal, Simeon
Salzman, and Fred Thiel, and Nominal Defendant
14 Marathon Digital Holdings, Inc.

15 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
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25 -and-

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27 Nominal Defendant.
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Case No.: 2:22-cv-00724

**CERTIFICATION OF JONATHAN
D. POLKES**

PISANELLI BICE
400 SOUTH 7TH STREET, SUITE 300
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89101

1 1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767
2 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153.

3 2. I make this certification pursuant to LR IA 11-2(b)(3).

4 3. I am a member in good standing of the bars set forth on Exhibit A attached
5 hereto.

6 4. Attached as Exhibit B is my current Certificate of Good Standing to the
7 Supreme Court for the State of New York, Appellate Division, First Department. This is the only
8 state court where I am admitted. All of my other admissions are to federal courts.

9 5. I am in good standing in every court where I have been admitted to practice.
10 Current Certificates of Good Standing are attached to Exhibit B.

11 6. There are no disciplinary proceedings pending against me as a member of
12 the bar in any jurisdiction where I am admitted to practice.

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16 Jonathan D. Polkes

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20 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, 2022.

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23 Leone M. Glick
24 Notary Public or Clerk of Court

25 LEONORE M. GLICK
26 Notary Public, State of New York
27 No. 01GL4900542
28 Qualified in Suffolk County
Commission Expires July 13, 2023

Exhibit A

Bar Admissions

Exhibit A

Court	Date Admitted	Bar Number
New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department	09/30/1985	2015527
U.S. District Court, S.D.N.Y.	04/11/1989	JP4265
U.S. District Court, E.D.N.Y.	08/28/1990	JP4265
U.S. District Court, D. Col.	01/09/2008	No such number assigned
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit	03/17/2010 (renewed on 03/10/2022)	No such number assigned
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit	03/25/2010	No such number assigned
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit	09/29/2010	No such number assigned
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit	11/29/2011	No such number assigned
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	04/10/2019	No such number assigned

Exhibit B

Certificates of Good Standing



*Appellate Division of the Supreme Court
of the State of New York
First Judicial Department*

I, Susanna M. Rojas, Clerk of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Judicial Department, do hereby certify that

Jonathan D. Polkes

was duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in all the courts of this State on September 30, 1985, has duly taken and subscribed the oath of office prescribed by law, has been enrolled in the Roll of Attorneys and Counselors at Law on file in this office, is duly registered with the Administration Office of the Courts, and according to the records of this Court is currently in good standing as an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand in the City of New York on
April 19, 2022.*

Susanna M. Rojas
Clerk of the Court



Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division, First Department

ROLANDO T. ACOSTA
PRESIDING JUSTICE

SUSANNA MOLINA ROJAS
CLERK OF THE COURT

MARGARET SOWAH
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURT

To Whom It May Concern

An attorney admitted to practice by this Court may request a certificate of good standing, which is the only official document this Court issues certifying to an attorney's admission and good standing.

An attorney's registration status, date of admission and disciplinary history may be viewed through the attorney search feature on [the website of the Unified Court System](#).

New York State does not register attorneys as active or inactive.

An attorney may request a disciplinary history letter from the [Attorney Grievance Committee of the First Judicial Department](#).

Bar examination history is available from the [New York State Board of Law Examiners](#).

Instructions, forms and links are available on [this Court's website](#).

Susanna Rojas
Clerk of the Court

Revised October 2020

United States District Court
Southern District of New York

Certificate of Good Standing

I, *Ruby J. Krajick*, Clerk of Court, Certify that

JONATHAN D. POLKES, Bar # JP4265

was duly admitted to practice in the Court on

APRIL 11, 1989

and is in good standing as a member of the Bar of this Court

Dated at

500 Pearl St.
New York, New York

On

April 19, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruby J. Krajick", is written over a circular, faded seal of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The signature is stylized and extends to the right of the seal.

Ruby J. Krajick
Clerk of Court

By

s/ A. Eames
Deputy Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Eastern District of New York

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, Brenna B. Mahoney, Clerk of this Court,
certify that Jonathan D. Polkes, Bar # JP4265,
was duly admitted to practice in this Court on 08/28/1990, and is in good standing as a member
of the Bar of this Court.

Dated at Brooklyn on 04/19/2022
(Location) (Date)

Brenna B. Mahoney
CLERK OF COURT

David Afrani
Deputy Clerk





Certificate of Good Standing and Letter of No Disciplinary History

United States District Court
District of Colorado

I, Jeffrey P. Colwell, Clerk of the United States District Court
DO HEREBY CERTIFY

JONATHAN D. POLKES

was admitted to practice in this court on
JANUARY 9, 2008

and is in good standing with no disciplinary history in this court.

Dated: April 19, 2022

Jeffrey P. Colwell, Clerk



By: Mark J. Fredrickson
Deputy Clerk

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT**

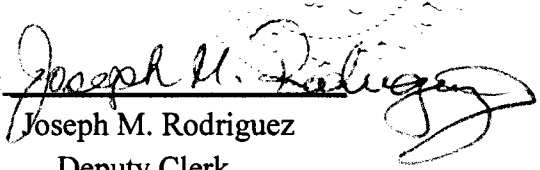
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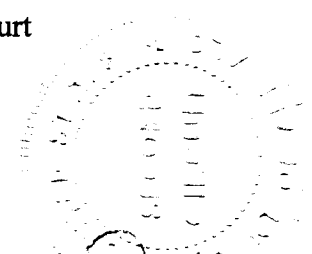
I, **CATHERINE O'HAGAN WOLFE**, Clerk of the United States Court
of Appeals for the Second Circuit,

CERTIFY that Jonathan D. Polkes, as duly admitted to practice in said
Court on March 17, 2010 and is in good standing.

CATHERINE O'HAGAN WOLFE
Clerk of Court

Dated: April 19, 2022
New York, New York

By: 
Joseph M. Rodriguez
Deputy Clerk





CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, Patricia S. Connor, Clerk of this Court, certify that Jonathan D. Polkes was duly admitted to practice in this Court on March 25, 2010, and is in good standing in this Court.

Dated at Richmond, Virginia, on April 19, 2022.

Patricia S. Connor
CLERK





for the Tenth Circuit

I, Christopher M. Wolpert, Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit,

DO HEREBY CERTIFY that Jonathan Polkes was

duly admitted to practice before this Court on September 29, 2010,

and is in good standing. There have been no disciplinary actions instituted in this court.

Dated at Denver, Colorado, on April 19, 2022.

CHRISTOPHER M. WOLPERT

Clerk of Court

By

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Robert Lee Hefner", is written over a horizontal line.

Deputy Clerk

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, LYLE W. CAYCE, Clerk of this Court, certify that **Jonathan D. Polkes** was duly admitted to practice in this Court on November 29, 2011, and is in good standing in this Court.

Dated at NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA on April 20, 2022

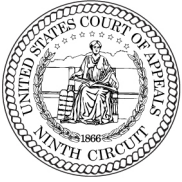
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Clerk



By: Sabrina B. Short
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Deputy Clerk

A True Copy
Certified Apr 20, 2022

Lyle W. Cayce
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit



Molly C. Dwyer
Clerk of Court

Office of the Clerk
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
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415-355-8000

Certificate of Good Standing

I, Molly Dwyer, Clerk of this Court, certify that Jonathan D. Polkes was duly admitted to practice in this Court on April 10, 2019 and is in good standing in this Court.

Dated at San Francisco, California on April 20, 2022.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "mcdwyer", is written above a horizontal line.

Clerk of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit